


Applicants traverse this ground of rejection since Forquy et al does not read on Applicants' invention which is directed to an electrocatalyst for oxygen reduction comprising a cobalt and ruthenium sulfide supported on a conductive carbon black. The Examiner apparently bases his rejection on the mistaken belief that the active carbon referred to in line 30 of column 2 of the Forquy et al patent is electrically conductive. However, as can be seen from Professor Faita's declaration, none of the supports referred to lines 27 to 30 of column 2 are electrically conductive including active carbon which is not a conductive carbon. Therefore, Forquy neither anticipates nor renders obvious Applicants' electrocatalyst and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

In view of the declaration and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims point out Applicants' patentable contribution. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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